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Program for Commencement Week May 18-29, 1907

- 18—Class Day Exercises Teachers' College, 8 P. M.
- 23—Anniversary of the Teachers' College, 8 P. M.
- 24—Alumni Conference, School of Theology, 11 A. M.
Anniversary of School of Theology, 8 P. M.
- 25—Alumni Day. General Reunion for all Schools and Colleges of the University, 2 P. M. Program to be announced.
- 26—Baccalaureate Sermon, 4 P. M.
- 27—Anniversary of Commercial College, 8 P. M.
- 28—Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees, 3 P. M.
Anniversary of the Academy, 8 P. M.
- 29—COMMENCEMENT in First Congregational Church, 8 P. M. Address by the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

All exercises, unless otherwise specified, will be held in the Memorial Chapel.

A Word from the Law School

Situated so far away and so little in evidence, the Law School is seldom thought of or considered as an element that enters into the composition of what we call the "University life". But the chief reason why the Law School passes so often unnoticed is not however due only to its great distance from the other departments of the University. There are other reasons equally obvious. The men who compose the faculty of the Law School are different altogether from

those who compose the faculties on the Hill, and even from those in the Medical School, who to a great extent are brought under the influence of the Hill. They are men of business, actual practitioners. They are in the Law School not to inculcate in the students who come under their care, a love for the University, or a desire to participate in the general activities of the University as such. Indeed, they themselves know little of these, and one seldom sees a professor of the Law School on the Hill. Their purpose is to teach the law, and this they do, with all of the talent and energy they possess. And the Department is fortunate in numbering among its professors some of the ablest and most noted men at the District bar. Dean Leighton is looked up to by all of his associates at the bar as an authority on the law of contracts. Professor Birney, who bears the distinction of having been a professor of law longer, perhaps, than any other in America, a lucid and pleasing lecturer in the classroom, is conceded to be the best pleader, while Professor Richardson is said to be the quickest and most alert of all the members of the profession in the District. The talent, ability and eloquence of Professors Hart and Richards, are too well known to be commented upon.

There is also another factor which must not be overlooked when we make an investigation into the causes why the Law School does not play a more important part in the general University life and why more of it is not seen, heard and felt. The students of law at Howard are men. There is not the college-youth type of student. About sixty percent of them support families and eighty percent

are at work during the day, mostly in the Governmental Departments.

They are in good positions, ranging between eight and twelve hundred per year. Three, to the writer's own knowledge hold positions with salaries at the last figure mentioned. From these facts it may be seen that all identified with the Law School are kept so busy that there is little time left them to take a greater and more visible part in the general activities of the University at large.

The Law School is not, however without its pleasures. And he who is disposed to think its members get no pleasure or delight from attending their department is greatly mistaken. The average student of the law so prides himself upon his work that he had rather be a humble devotee of law than to shine in brilliant conquests along other lines, for he feels that the law is the noblest of all professions, that success at law—for which he hopes—is the greatest of all successes, and that high achievements in the practice of law are the most glorious of all achievements. With such ambitions and motives swelling in the breasts of its members and actuating them, the students of law find the greatest pleasure in their work, and the work at the Law School is by no means the dry, monotonous, forced pastime many are so often disposed to think. OCEA TAYLOR.

The great Interscholastic Track Meet here on May 30th promises to eclipse last year's splendid performance. Among those to take part in the events are representatives from colleges, high schools, training schools, graded schools and reputable athletic clubs. Should it rain on May 30th, the exercises will be held on May 31st.

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Gems of Thought

Let go all transitory things, and seek thou the things eternal.—Thomas a' Kempis.

Do all the good you can in the world, and make as little noise about it as possible.

A holy act strengthens the inward holiness. It is a seed of life growing into more life.—Robertson.

Religion cannot pass away. The burning of a little straw may hide the stars of the sky; but the stars are there and will reappear.—Carlyle.

Let us begin our heaven on earth; being ourselves tempted, let us be pitiful and considerate and generous in judging others.—John Page Hopps.

Educational Notes

Several deans of departments of Columbia University have criticized unfavorably the lecture system of education in vogue in the large colleges and universities. They say that especially in the freshman and sophomore classes the students have not reached the proper stage of mental development to profit most by such a system.

The total value of property possessed by institutions for higher education amounts to over \$500,000,000. The invested or income bearing funds reach the total of \$235,000,000.

President Tucker of Dartmouth has recently resigned on account of health.

Auherst College a few days ago came into possession of a bequest of \$500,000.

English is the favorite minor of the one hundred and fifty candidates for advanced degrees taking a major subject in education in Teachers' College, New York.

It is said that the the convention of the N. E. A. which was to have been held in Philadelphia was forced to go elsewhere because of the refusal of the railroads to make the usual terms. Los Angeles, Cal., is the place selected. The railroads evidently know how to push a good thing for all it is worth.

A bill is before the Massachusetts legislature proposing to tax buildings owned by universities and colleges and used as residences of officers. It is being vigorously opposed by heads of institutions of learning led by President Eliot of Harvard.

Talbot, the Mercersburg athlete, made a new record recently with the 12-pound hammer, throwing it 193 feet.

Princeton has received in gifts

\$600,000 for a physical science laboratory, and \$600,000 for a natural science laboratory.

A reformation of the pronunciation of Latin is occurring in England. The Board of Education decrees a uniform usage modeled after that approved by the Philological Societies of Oxford and Cambridge. This is to be rigidly enforced and is intended to make the English usage conform more nearly to that of other countries.

Philadelphia Alumni Association

One of the largest and most vigorous associations of graduates yet formed is that of the graduates of Howard residing in Philadelphia and vicinity. A list of 55 members has been sent to the President with the following officers: President, Ex Congressman George H. White; 1st Vice-President, Dr. J. A. Stillman, Orange, N. J.; 2nd Vice-President, Lawyer Wm. Justin Carter, Harrisburg; Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. L. Kemp; Corresponding-Secretary, T. M. Nixon; Treasurer, Lawyer Charles H. Brooks.

Students Subscribe \$1,000

Students of Howard University subscribed about one thousand dollars to the building fund of the colored Y. M. C. A. of Washington. Acknowledgments were sent them this week from headquarters. This enterprise, altho it is primarily one in which the city is concerned more than the University, attracts the interest of professors and students alike. As turn about is fair play, no doubt when our canvass for a Y. M. C. A. building commences—which we hope will be soon—substantial aid will be given by the local organization.

On Howard campus last Saturday the M St. High School and Storer College met in a dual track meet. M Street won.

Jamestown Exposition Notes

Mr. A. F. Hilyer, the painstaking secretary-treasurer of the executive committee, in his comprehensive statement published recently opened the eyes of the uninformed public to the strict and rigid method of expending the \$100,000 appropriation in aid of the Negro exhibit.

The time for the fourth annual session of the National Association of Colored Teachers at Hampton has been changed from July 17, 18 and 19, to August 1 and 2—immediately following the celebrated Hampton Conference.

The Toussaint Dumas and Palmer Hotels are the names of two well ordered homes for visitors opened for business this week. Tanner's Hotel, an established hostelry, favorably known to the traveling public, has largely increased its normal capacity. Innumerable buildings not heretofore utilized as lodging places, together with a long list of private residences, will afford ample accommodation for all visitors who may come to the exposition at this time. L. W. Bright's new Mt. Vernon Hotel is going up with all possible speed, and his enlarged cottage by the sea will soon be in readiness for special guests. In and about the "Tidewater" section there are fully twenty-five comfortable hotels at which our people may be handsomely entertained.

Massachusetts will have a prominent part in the exposition. Besides the imposing replica of the Crispus Attucks monument, the exhibit will embrace paintings by Edwin Bannister, who won first prize at the Philadelphia Exposition in 1876, William Robinson and a number of other colored artists of national repute. There will be also a display of books by the representative writers of the "Old Bay State."

R. P. Anderson, an expert wood carver, whose beautiful and origin-

al designs have made him much sought after by the best manufacturing firms of the East, and John G. Trusty, a practical engineer, who builds his own dynamos for the operation of his machinery, will assist in letting the world know that Wilmington, Delaware, is still on the map.

Walter Smith, inventor of a device that will prevent a train from wrecking when it crashes into an open switch, will place it on exhibition in the Negro building. Two-thirds of the railroad wrecks are caused by a switch being left open. Mr. Smith's device is said to be the only "sure thing" ever invented to prevent wrecks of this kind. It is so constructed that when a train runs into an open switch, at any rate of speed, it will close and lock it. Mr. Smith was reared in Topeka, Kansas, and is a born genius.

There is absolutely no discrimination between Norfolk and the exposition grounds.

"Dedication Day" will be duly announced.

The Faculty Club

The University Faculty Club held its last meeting for the year in the office of President Thirkield on Tuesday evening, 14th inst. Papers were read by Prof. Hay and Dr. Scurlock upon the subject, "What May the Study of Science Do for the Student?" An interesting discussion followed, which was participated in by President Thirkield, Deans Fairfield, Clark and Cook, Professors Tunnell and Miller, Miss Barker and Mr. Logan.

Excursion Trips

The following excursions have been planned for the Preparatory classes in physics and chemistry: Friday, 17th, 2 P. M., the city

pump house; Saturday, 18th, 9 A. M., the plant of the Home Ice Co.; Monday, 20th, 9 A. M., the National Museum; Tuesday, 21st, 1 P. M., the Medical building for a demonstration of the X ray.

It is hoped that the members of the two classes will avail themselves of this opportunity to see and have explained some of the industrial applications of the principles of the two sciences.

Negro Baptists at Jamestown Exposition

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 10.—The National Baptist Publishing Board, which is under the direct control of the National Baptist Convention, located in this city, will have a special exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. This institution is the largest printing plant and book-binding establishment owned and operated by Negroes in the world. They now occupy six buildings, as follows: four two story and two one story buildings, situated at the corner of Locust and Second avenue, north. They employ several hundred skilled workmen, and can produce everything in the printing line, from a calling card to an encyclopedia. The founder of this institution, Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., who is at present secretary, treasurer and manager, will be at the exposition grounds in Norfolk this week to arrange for the big exhibit.

The display to be made by this stupendous publishing plant will be the official exhibit of the Negro Baptists of the United States, numbering something over 2,300,000. The institution is only eleven years old, yet last year's business amounted up to and over \$152,000. They propose to show the high class book and periodical work that has been made by their employes, and to demonstrate thru a tangible exhibit the marvelous progress of the race in the higher realms of the "art preservative of all arts."

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The discourse at vespers last Sunday was delivered by President Thirkield. Basing his remarks upon St. John 17:11 he eloquently presented the claims of Christ as compared with the claims of the world and exhorted his hearers to adapt their lives to the former.

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The high school cadets used the campus on Tuesday afternoon for a practice drill.

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"What did Mrs. Kloseman give you for cutting her grass?"

"Nothing", replied Tommy

"She promised you ten cents, didn't she?"

"Yes. But I used her sickle to do it with and she charged me ten cents for the use of it."

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God send angels, Cloud and Fire,
To lead us over the desert sand!
God give our hearts their long desire,
His shadow in a weary land!
—Whittier.

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I praise Thee while my days go on,
I love Thee while my days go on;
The day-spring cometh on.
Thro' dark and dearth, thro' fire and frost,
With emptied arms and treasures lost,
My days are going on.
—Mrs. Browning.

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"How long have you been sick?"
"Five days."
"Goodness! An' why don't you git a doctor?"
"Sure an' I've got to go to work Monday mornin'."

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Prof. Miller's Lecture

Prof. Kelly Miller, on Monday evening, gave an address in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on "The Progress of the Negroes in the United States." The lecture was illustrated by a series of sociological charts which Prof. Miller has prepared for the Jamestown Exposition. In spite of various attractions elsewhere, a large audience was present.

Prof. Miller traced the sociological and economic development of the Negroes since emancipation, amplifying his address with instructive observations on the causes and effects of the various facts noted. Charts were presented to show the population of the Negroes by states, cities and counties, as compared with the whites, according to the increase by decades and by sexes; to show the industrial condition and pursuits of the race and their economic relation to other peoples. The educational and religious phases of their life were also set forth by these sketches. The whole lecture was highly illuminating and the audience expressed by hearty applause its appreciation of the wit and wisdom of the speaker.

Athletic Notes

A pretty inter-department relay race was run on the Campus Saturday, College, Medic and Prep participating. The occasion was a dual meet between M St. High and Storer College. M St. won by 79 to 44.

There was no little rivalry between the teams. The Medics were "doped" to win and their supporters were on hand in full force. But when the race was finished Prep had won, College second and Medics third. Following are the names of the men:

Prep.—Gates, Bristol, Holmes, Young.

College.—Fleming, Hayes, Lyle and Wilson.

Medic.—Snowden, Cuff, Watkins

and McMickins.

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The Eastern Empires and the "Varsity" broke even in a series of two games. Howard won Monday's game, 8 to 6, and lost Wednesday's game, 7 to 3. Both games were tightly contested, showing the teams to be evenly matched.

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Morgan College, of Baltimore, will play at Howard today and tomorrow, and Howard in return plays at Baltimore on Saturday, 25th inst.

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Shaw reports that three of her best players are unable to come to Washington and that in consequence the team is too badly crippled to appear here.

Societies

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Y. P. S. C. E. was addressed at its last meeting by Mrs. Houston, secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. church. She made an earnest appeal and presented the claims of Africa for missionaries. She was introduced to the society by Mrs. Thirkield.

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ALPHA PHI

The Alpha Phi Literary Society will render to night a Dunbar program in The Andrew Rankin Chapel. This promises to be an evening of rare pleasure. Following is the order of exercises:

PART I.

A Poet of the Nation

Mr. B. L. Marchant
Recitation, "Ante Bellum Sermon"

Miss Bessie McKinney
Vocal Solo, "O Promise Me"

Mr. Robert Doggett
Recitation, "The Coquette Conquered"

Miss Luberta Landers
Recitation, "Breakin' de Charm"

Mr. George Overton
Vocal Solo, Miss Virginia Williams
Recitation, "How Lucy Backslid"

Miss Eloise Bibb

PART II

"A Few Hours With Dunbar"

Mr. Harry Logan
Recitation, Mr. O. M. Randolph
Recitation, "De Turnin' of de Children
in de Bed" Miss Gertrude Stewart
Quartette, "The Bee Some Day"

(Words by Dunbar)
Misses Williams and Slowe,
Messrs. J. O. and M. A. Morrison
Recitation, "The Rivals"

Mr. C. S. Cowan
Readings from Dunbar's more serious
poetry Mr. M. A. Morrison
Recitation, "When de Corn Pone's Hot"

Miss Julia Brooks

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. was addressed last Sunday by Mr. A. D. Tate, Col. '07, on the subject, "Rational Living." After defining the subject from the practical, biological and psychological points of view, he proceeded to show how the best use of life might be made by adhering to the principles of right and reasonable living.

Mr. P. J. Clyde Randall of the Law School was elected first vice-president.

Dean L. B. Moore will address the association on Sunday, 19th inst., on the subject, "The New Humanity".

A cut of the Howard University Football Team appears in a recent issue of The Voice, the colored magazine of Chicago, recently of Atlanta. It is in connection with an article on football in Southern colleges.

The space bounded by Sixth St., Howard Place and Brightwood Ave. has been enclosed by a low fence, ploughed and planted with grass. It will be under the auspices of the University, hereafter.

Examinations are now finished in the School of Medicine and the School of Law. All school work on the Hill will be ended for the academic year next week.

The President of the University will this evening from 7:30 to 10:00 receive the Deans and members of the graduating classes of the various colleges and schools of the University.

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